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San Francisco Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

SAN FRANCISCO – Immigration Judge Beverley M. Phillips from the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), San Francisco Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of citizenship during a naturalization ceremony for approximately 1,200 candidates on December 14, 2006, at the Masonic Auditorium.

The ceremony was hosted by the San Francisco Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Biographical Information

Beverley M. Phillips was appointed as an immigration judge in September 1994. She received a bachelor of arts degree and a juris doctorate, both from Texas Southern University in 1967. From 1969 to 1994, she worked as a general attorney for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco. From 1968 to 1969, she worked as an attorney (Equal Employment Opportunity investigator) for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Austin, Texas. From 1967 to 1968, Judge Phillips was an attorney/law proctor for the Houston Legal Foundation. She is a member of the Texas Bar.

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